

WANT ROAD WORK DONE BY COUNTIES

STATE MAY RECEIVE AS HIGH AS
\$5,000,000 FROM THE FED-
ERAL FUND.

FIRST BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

Tax On Foreign Securities Proposed;
Movie Censorship Bill Introduced
By Senator Smith.

Lansing.—With the prospect that the federal government may spend \$5,000,000 in Michigan during the next year on highway construction, the house committee on roads and bridges has taken action to systematize the state's highway construction methods. The first step in this direction is in the form of an amendment to the state highway act which deprives counties of the right to dissolve themselves into township units for the purpose of road building. The amendment has been reported out of the committee with the recommendation that it be passed.

County Unit More Efficient.

"When the state and federal governments are spending vast sums for highway construction, the county is the smallest unit in the state which can function efficiently for road building purposes," said Rep. Charles Evans, chairman of the committee on roads and bridges.

"It is manifestly unfair to permit one small township to block the work of a road across a county by refusing to co-operate with its neighbors. That has been the experience, however, when townships built their own roads. The system has never been successful and after one or two years' try out the counties which went to the township system have returned to the larger unit."

Michigan is now entitled to \$2,500,000 in federal aid for highway construction and if a bill now before congress goes through will receive an additional \$3,000,000, all of which would be available for road work for the year beginning July 1, 1921.

The first bill passed by the 1921 Legislature was sent to the Governor by the senate last week before adjournment of both houses to allow the Legislators to attend the Republican state convention at Detroit. It authorizes the calling of a spring primary in Ingham county to nominate a circuit judge.

The bill providing for a state administrative board, recently passed by the senate, passed the house by unanimous vote. It carried, however, two minor amendments and must be returned to the senate for its approval. The bill for centralizing all state auditing in the auditor-general's department, previously passed by the senate, was also passed by the house.

Censorship of Movies Asked.

In the senate a bill proposing state censorship of motion picture films and advertising by a state board at Lansing, was introduced by Senator John W. Smith, Port Huron. The board would be headed by the superintendent of public instruction who would be authorized to employ one inspector at \$1,500 a year, and one stenographer. The board would not approve films which, in its opinion, were sacrilegious, obscene, indecent, immoral, or tending to suggest false ideals or incite crime. All advertising matter for films would also have to be submitted to the board for approval.

A fee of \$1 for each 1,000 feet of film would be collected by the board, except in the case of educational films for schools or churches, when the fee would be reduced to 25 cents. A fine of \$25 to \$100, or 90 days in jail, is provided for violators.

Establishment of one library in each township or city is proposed in a joint resolution introduced by Senator H. A. Penny, Saginaw, which asks for a constitutional amendment to be voted on at the April election. The amendment would also abolish the practice of diverting money received as fines in penal cases to library uses.

Senator Bolt's concurrent resolution calling upon congress to hasten passage of a soldier's bonus measure was adopted by the house under a suspension of the rules.

Repeal of Tax Exemption.

Repeal of the tax exemption on foreign securities held in Michigan and the imposition of an ad valorem tax on this class of property will bring the state revenue in excess of \$2,000,000 annually, Rep. George Lord, chairman of the general taxation committee, told the house members, speaking for his bill to repeal the exemption.

Rep. Lord declared that the present registration fee of one half of one percent gives the state only \$17,000 a year and that the tax is collected but once during the life of such securities which average 15 years.

Increase in the percentage of its assessed valuation which a city may spend for the purchase, improvement and extension of public utilities is provided in a bill introduced by Rep. Edward S. Ramsey, Lansing. His amendment to the present law will increase the limit from 8 to 10 percent of assessed valuation.

Declaring that a duty on Canadian lumber will work an untold hardship on home owners and tend to provoke retaliatory measures by our northern neighbor, Rep. Arlie Hopkins, has introduced a resolution calling on Congress to refrain from placing a duty on lumber imported from Canada. It sets forth that there is no need for a protective tariff as American lumber is produced cheaper than any other in the world.

ITHACA

A Mother and Daughter banquet was held at the Methodist church Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. C. Warriner of Mt. Pleasant gave the address. The banquet was served by the members of the Smithsonian Sunday School class.

Miss Martha Troeck, "The Angel of Ellis Island," gave an address on Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

Dr. H. F. Kilborn spent several days in Detroit last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Burkett of Lansing are occupying the Fred Broughton house on North street.

C. L. Beebe attended last week a meeting of the State Retail Furniture Dealers' association at Detroit.

Miss Grace Rowell and Mrs. William Carr were in Grand Rapids the past week.

Mrs. Ella Wood of Alma met with the county executive board of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Ithaca Tuesday when plans were made for the county convention this spring.

Fire at noon Friday did considerable damage to the roof of the J. O. Thomas residence, N. Pine River street.

Charles Feitenbinder is confined to his bed by injuries received when he fell from a ladder at the James G. Kress home where he discovered fire in the roof one day recently. He fractured a bone in one of his feet.

Mrs. Cora Pettit is spending a few days at the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. C. H. Crandall, in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummings are preparing to move to the Amos Fritz farm in North Star township. The fire department was called Sunday night to the home of Peter McAdams on West Center street. Fire had caught in the roof from a chimney that burned out. The blaze was soon extinguished without much damage to the roof.

Carl Studer of Pekin, Ill., was in town a part of the past week on business.

Mrs. Warren Stahl will entertain the Delphian study club Monday, February 28.

The Pollyanna class of the Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed a taffy pull Saturday at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Arthur Blizard. Mrs. Ernest Knapp and children of Adrian are spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Andre.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held the regular monthly meeting of the society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner and on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Gardner entertained the southeast division of the Methodist Aid Society. Miss Harriet Hodges and Miss Addie Parker attended last week the midyear Teachers conference at Mt. Pleasant.

Charles Peabody has sold his interest in the South Side Bakery to his partner, William Hubbard, and has gone to make his home with his son, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. Peabody, at Montpelier, Ind.

Mrs. J. M. Barnhart was called Thursday to Decatur, Ill., because of the death of her mother, Mrs. G. W. L. Smith.

Wendell McCall returned Monday to his school work in Ann Arbor after spending a few days here.

Marriage license have been granted to Benjamin Abbott 50, Middleton, and Elsie May Garner, 23, Middleton; Carl F. Nagel 27, Breckenridge, and Hazel J. Wetmore, 22, Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Good left Monday for their home near Elkhart, Indiana, after spending some months with their daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. William Roberts.

Mrs. Clara French has gone to spend some time with her son in Indiana.

Mrs. Wheeler Mumford and children of Cadillac were recent guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Welch.

Burr Betts of Alma spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Carrie Welch.

ELWELL

The Seville and Sumner Farmers' Club meeting will be postponed from March 1 until Thursday, March 10, at which time it will be held with Mrs. Ellis Potter.

Mrs. Charles Greenhoe is on the sick list.

Ed Marlette of Mt. Pleasant was a business caller here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Downs entertained about thirty of their friends Friday evening. Cards and dancing were the order of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ralph Fairchild visited relatives in Alma Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelly of St. Louis visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Courter Monday.

The farm home of Neil McNamara burned to the ground Sunday morning. All efforts were made to save the house and contents but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save it. The contents were saved. They belonged to Theodore Strach.

Miss Bessie Small visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Coral Romine and children of Alma visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherd Romine last Wednesday.

Mrs. Webb of Alma visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Courter a few days last week.

The mother and daughter meeting was held Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Law.

Mrs. Baker is on the sick list.

Harry Tubbs of Mt. Pleasant was a business caller here Wednesday.

Ladies' Aid Society dinner was served at the home of Mrs. McLachlan Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mallory are visiting relatives here this week.

A poverty party was given by the Young People's Club Monday evening.

John Rockfellow is reported some better at this writing.

Mrs. Clarence Basore of Elm Hall spent a few days last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shingluff.

Mrs. Milo Langworthy and baby of Alma visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Langworthy.

TOWN LINE

Miss Ella Shoemaker spent Sunday with Miss Josephine Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ohyrant spent Sunday with relatives near Forest Hill.

Vergil Whitcraft was absent from school last week on account of running a nail in his foot.

Mrs. Orville Howe and family entertained relatives from Alma Saturday.

Orville and Claude Church have had their telephones removed.



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